

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1229
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jacqueline M. Pitt on her selection as Teacher of the Year by Wilson County Schools.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Jacqueline M. Pitt is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pitt has recently been selected Teacher of the Year in Wilson County, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, she received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Carson-Newman College and has further completed 30 credit hours for elementary endorsement at Cumberland University; and

WHEREAS, a full-time teacher for 18 years, Ms. Pitt currently serves as a seventh grade World Geography and eighth grade American History teacher at Friendship Christian School; she previously served as a teacher with the Lebanon Special School District from 1991-2003, the Madison Area Technical College in Madison, Wisconsin from 1986-1988, and the Brevard County School System in Titusville, Florida from 1972-1975; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Pitt has served as an active member of a number of professional organizations and committees, including the Planning Committee for Lebanon Special Schools District, the Tennessee Collaborative Leadership Conference, SAC Review Committee, which she serves as Chairperson, and the Social Studies Department at Friendship Christian School, which she serves as Chair; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pitt is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, during her stellar career spent in service to the education of our children, Ms. Pitt has been recognized as Friendship Middle School Teacher of the Year, Friendship Christian School Teacher of the Year, Teacher of the Year, grades 5-8, Lebanon Special Schools, and Teacher of the Year at Clearlake Middle School in Brevard County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pitt has also received numerous awards and honors for service to her community, including the Byars-Dowdy Volunteer of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, in her precious spare time, Ms. Pitt ably serves as the Treasurer of the Lebanon All-Sports Club and Prayer Coordinator and Support Person for the Ladies Adult Sunday School at Immanuel Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pitt truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Jacqueline M. Pitt epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Ms. Jacqueline M. Pitt on being chosen as Teacher of the Year by Wilson County Schools, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.